PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

Filed herewith

Applicant

Steven S. JOHNDREAU., et al.

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Examiner

Not yet assigned

Docket No.

1006-001

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102(c)

Sir,

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.102(c) applicants hereby petition to make the aboveidentified application, filed contemporaneously with this Petition, special based on the age of one of the inventors.

Applicant, David E. Johndreau, was born on June 22, 1932, thus making him 71 years of age. Mr. Johndreau's age is evidenced by the enclosed copies of his California driver's license and birth certificate, as well as the enclosed Declaration of David E. Johndreau stating his birth date.

Applicants submit that since this Petition to Make Special is based on age, no fee is due.

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Applicants respectively request that this Petition be granted and that the examination of the above-identified application be expedited.

Date October 29, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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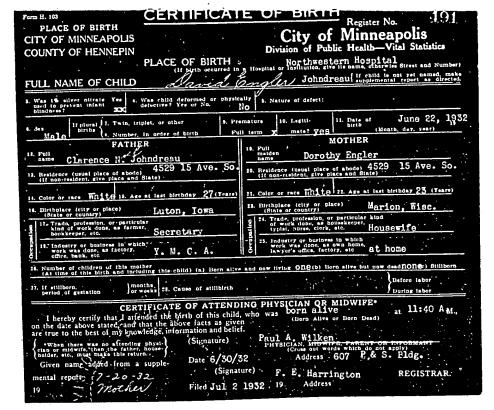
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Respectfully submitted,

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I, Muriel L. Colquhoun, Deputy Local Registrar of Vital Statistics for the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct photo-copy of the record on file in the office of the Division of Public Health.

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